

“OVER THERE”

It gives him a sense of humor and an eye for the ridiculous. It turns bewildering predicaments and exasperating circumstances into exciting adventures. It makes him a genius at furnishing amusement and entertainment for himself and others at all times and places, whether under shell fire or stuck fast in the mud of some isolated French village. It gives him a dash and daring in battle that makes him forget how to retreat under fire. It makes him proud but modest over his victories. It produces in him a comradeship that acts on the principle that “what is mine is thine”—a comradeship that makes every soldier a buddie of every other soldier. Nothing but such a spirit could have enabled us to endure the life and food on these boats for twelve days.

The most striking impressions of this voyage may be briefly summed up as follows: The epidemic of seasickness the first night out, of which there was abundant evidence in every part of the boat, owing to the inadequate capacity of the receptacles furnished for the convenience of the seasick patients; the lifeboat drills; the ceaseless watch for submarines; the solitude of midocean; the aurora borealis or Northern lights seen from our most northerly point off Newfoundland; the services of the Y. M. C. A. with its books, magazines, writing material, games and graphophone; the feeling that came